

WYOMING WESTERN AREA  
SERVICE COMMITTEE  
MEETING August 22, 2009

Meeting opened at 1:05pm.

Nate read the 12 Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous.

DeLynda read the 12 Concepts for World Service

Roll Call

Chair – Tucker – Not Present  
Secretary – Position Open  
Treasurer – DeLynda – Present  
RCM – Sue – Present  
PR Chair – Position Open  
Web Servant – Steve – Present

GSR's

LPG – Shaun – Present  
Surrender to Win – Kerry – Present  
5<sup>th</sup> Street Group – Dave – Not Present (no report)  
Hope Not Dope – Rebecca – Not Present (report)  
Clean and Serene – Not Present (no report)

Read minutes from previous business meeting – motioned to approved with grammatical corrections, accepted. Discussion followed on Quorum. Motion to “set aside guidelines to conduct limited business, make no major motions, and general discussion with simple majority to pass this motion”. Seconded, passed – unanimously.

Reports

Chair – No Report.

Treasurer – checkbook balanced at \$3092.82 as of Aug 21, 2009. Check #695 for \$24.00 made out to WSO for H&I literature for Rawlins has not cleared that bank, however, I did receive not from Rawlins that they have found check and did deposit it. Do have deposit ready to go to bank for \$772.76. \$472.76 is from Learning Days, \$200.00 donation from the Hope Not Dope Group and \$100.00 donation from 5<sup>th</sup> Street Group.

PR Committee – Guidelines done with one correction. E-mailed out. Not printed. Will be on posted on WWASC website. Did read Chapters 1 & 2 today, will continue next meeting. Will be writing a check for \$123.97 to LPG for H&I at Uinta County Jail

RCM – Hello every one good to be here and of service. I attended the regional meeting in Laramie Wy on August 1, 2009. At 10:30 there was a workshop that our delegate Tommy O and DeLynda H presented on Living Clean Practicing Principles and Identity: Who We Are. Tommy O our Regional Delegate attended the Rocky Mountain Zonal Forum along with the Alt-Delegate DeLynda H, where they work shopped the first two chapters from “Living Clean”...and The Journey Continues. And

also work shopped phone lines and websites. Minutes from the forum can be found on the Forum website, at [www.rmfn.org](http://www.rmfn.org).

DeLynda H. reported that planning ways to more actively engage local H&I subcommittees through our resource "Reaching Out" as well as assessing the state of the NA Way Magazine in regards to changes and updates that are recommended to the World Board also continues. Updated tools for three Issue Discussion Topics for this cycle "Leadership, Communication, and Our Freedom, Our Responsibility are available at [www.na.org](http://www.na.org) ID IDT IDT

TheWorld is also asking for help with the Service System project. Please send them your best practices on local level. More information on this can be found in NAWs news.

World Service Conference is scheduled for Apr 25 – May 1, 2010. World Unity Days is taking place August 22, 2009 during WCNA 33.

Web Servant Steve H. reported that there was a flyer posted on the website that had pictures of NA members on it, we are not put pictures of addicts on flyers.

Convention XI chair Jim L. reported that there was \$186.00 raised after the Regional Meeting in Rock Springs. There have been no entries for the logo contest. The convention members will come up with a logo.

There were five areas represented at the Regional meeting.

Central Wyoming reported that there is a new meeting on Friday Nights at 9:30pm at 625 South Jefferson (Salvation Army Church).

Wyo-Braska are did not have anything to report their RCM position is open , there Les F. is standing in for now.

Central Basin was absent, no report.

Freedom Seekers Steve O is trying to find out where the NA meetings are. Women's meetings are still going twice a month at the jail. There are no men's meetings because of the jail requirements. There is a new GSR in Gillette.

Sharing Session:

Discussion on Rotation of the URMRS Meetings – Wyo-Braska area would like to see a rotation of the Assembly so that the Assembly is held in a different area of the region each year and that Area would host the service committee. Western Wyoming's RCM had gotten a hold of several Area members and asked if Wyoming Western would like to host the Regional Assembly every year and brought this to the table. It was agreed that the RCM's would take this matter back to their Areas and this issue will be put back on the agenda for the next meeting so we can have more input from all Areas.

Old Business:

Several addicts met in Laramie on July 31, 2009 at 7pm to start a Regional Inventory, this will be an ongoing process. Steve H. is the ad hoc chair and he hopes to have a second meeting prior to the next regional meeting to develop goals and to make suggestions to the Region on how to go about achieving these goals. There are several areas that were perceived as outstanding, where our conventions and rotation, our relationships NAWs and the region. Our workshops before meetings and our website and our delegates.

Areas that need to be improved are public relations to areas, more GSRs at the Assemblies, electing qualified trusted servants and helping newer members be more familiar with the way the region operates.

New Business:

Tommy O reported that at the zonal forum they talked about websites and phonedlines. Most other regions in our zone have a regional phonedline, it was suggested that the RCMs take this back to their areas for more input.

Web Servant – As of today I have not made any updates to the web site as far as removing events, updating the minutes, or adding the most recent area meeting. I should be able to update everything within the next week. There is very little to report this meeting and all is going well. I have received requests from addicts about Jackson meetings and did my best to direct them to the only meeting I know

of. We have had some comments on the web site from addicts attending and finding meetings throughout our area fro other regions and it appears that the web site it helping addicts around the US as well as WWA.

I have read previous minutes and found some conversation regarding the web site and domain budget which was not approved at the last meeting. My last several reports did not indicate any changes needed to be made to the service of the site but some believe that our area can function with a free web presence on the internet. Tradition Seven from It Works, How and Why states “Every NA group ought to be fully self supporting.....”. On page 175 it states that “Whatever a group needs to fulfill its primary purpose should be provided by the group”. It also says that after a group pays its expenses it should contribute to the NA boards and committees. Page 176 says, “Like the group, NA service boards and committees decline contributions from sources outside the fellowship. Page 93 of the Public Relations Handbook on Internet Technology gives this statement. Free web hosting is not considered a best practice. A decision to forgo free web hosting helps to eliminate a number of problems, the most important being the possibility of an NA website having to provide advertising or links to inappropriate sites. Free web hosting also limits how much content can be contained on the site. Using free web hosting is often the reason why local NA sites end up with advertisements. Allowing advertisements to be placed on an NA site can lead to NA being seen as associated with outside organizations. When areas have no control over the kinds of ads that may be placed on a site, the problem of association is likely to lead to controversy. For the reasons stated above I still believe our web site is the second most effective tool for carrying the message of recover in our service efforts and to carry the motion to provide funding. As always, if anyone has any updates, please let me know or send an email, [wyoamingna@wyoamingna.org](mailto:wyoamingna@wyoamingna.org)

Activities – Learning Days – Between 30-40 people attended from Saratoga, Riverside, Encampment, Rawlins, Casper, Cheyenne, Green River, Laramie and Saint Robert Missouri, young and old in attendance. Over 231 years at recovery countdown. Steve H (Cheyenne) and Jackie W (Casper) were terrific speakers. Kerry from the Area was a great help with Round Table discussions. Shantelle made a beautiful banner and did a great job with raffles. At least one newcomer in attendance. Thanks to Andy for port-a-potty. Dick and Beth and Mitch made a fabulous breakfast. Pig Roast at Neal’s was terrific. By the time we got to dance on Saturday night it was too late. Perhaps we had too much planned that night. Signed Basic Text went to Andy. Lots of fun; good fellowship; great success. Thanks to everyone who helped!

\$863.56 Gross income  
\$590.80 Expenses  
\$272.76 Net Profit  
\$200.00 pledged fro Hope Not Dope  
\$472.76 TOTAL sent to Area from Learning Days.

(Please note: Warm Springs group pitched in at least \$100 worth of food to the Learning Days effort.)

## GSR reports

Hope not Dope – Our numbers are way down at regular and business meetings. We decided not to change meeting location since we are not bursting at seams anymore. Jail meetings are still discontinued for now. Jerry finally found check from the Area for 5 Just for Today books and deposited it. We are continuing to host a potluck chili dinner at 5pm prior to our last Sunday of the month Speaker meeting at 6pm. Even these numbers are down. We hope to pick back up in the fall. A lively discussion ensued at our Business Meeting (afterward) about using media to let public know about NA events; does it violate traditions? (We had Press release in Daily Times and in Saratoga Sun and have a regular meeting announcement in newspaper. According to NAWs no it does not violate traditions as long as we don’t use people’s full names and/or pictures; we are allowed and encouraged to do so. We protect people’s anonymity at the level of press, radio and films; however we are not a secret society. We have to

carry the message so that no addict need die from the horrors of addiction. We look forward to hosting the Area Meeting on October 24. More information forthcoming. Shantelle C. will be the point person for this meeting. We sent in a donation from Hope Not Dope Group of \$111.99.

Surrender to Win – Helloe Area, the door is still open and the message of recovery is being carried in the church basement at 295 Monroe Ave in Green River. We still have two meetings a week at 8:00 pm, candlelight on Sunday, and book study on Thursday. There have been times when we meet upstairs to accommodate the Church. Our attendance has averaged six addicts on Sundays and five addicts on Thursdays. Our seventh tradition has been adequate to pay rent, provide literature and carry the message of recovery. We do not have a donation for the Area at this time. We are interested in hosting the October 24<sup>th</sup> Area Meeting and having a Halloween Function that night.

LPG – Hello WWASC. Its good to be back in Area service as GSR of the Living Proof Group. Things are going well with the group. The campout was a success again despite the weather conditions, that included all 4 seasons. We are planning our birthday party on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, so we would like to host the Area meeting on that day. We have 87.31 in donations for the area.

5<sup>th</sup> Street – Not present - No report.

Clean and Serene – Not present – no report

Serenity Break 1:55 – 2:05

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Service Positions open ALT Chair, Secretary, ALT RCM, PR Chair. Mark S. nominates as ALT RCM. Accepted. Voted Passed.
- B. Website – Discussion on free website

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Rotation of Regional Assembly, discussion followed. “Motion to proceed with our motion to Region to host Regional Assembly every year”, seconded, passed.
- B. Regional Phoneline – Area does not support this.
- C. Learning Days – Evanston to host next Learning Days
- D. Guidelines for Learning Day – Needed? Discussion followed on not being to limiting. Take back to Groups on coming up with a simple guideline to be put into WWASC guidelines.
- E. Funding our Alt RCM. Increasing budget to fund Alt RCM? Motion to “fund our Alt RCM \$150.00 to attend next Regional meeting in Freedom Seekers area”. Seconded. 2 For. 1 Against. 1 Abstain, Chairperson broke tie. Yes to fund Alt RCM to attend next Regional Meeting.

#### MONEY MATTERS:

- A. \$50.00 for host group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Next Regional Meeting – October 3, Freedom Seekers Area
- B. Next WWASC meeting – Motion to have October 24, Surrender to Win, Green River to host, seconded, passed.
- C.

Closed meeting with Third Step Prayer and Hugs.